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1. VAN TEUTEM, SENIOR ECONOMIST IN FAO'S FOOD SECURITY GROUP, IN DISCUSSING FAO'S FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS MADE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING POINTS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO USG IN REVIEW OF OUR WORLD FOOD RESERVE POLICY AND ASSISTANCE TO FAO FOOD SECURITY SCHEMES.

2. VAN TEUTEM'S THINKING IS BASED ON EXPECTATION THAT WORLD FOOD RESERVE SYSTEM MUST AT LEAST INCLUDE NATIONAL FOOD RESERVES. IF SO, NATIONAL FOOD RESERVES MUST BE BUILT UP, STRENGTHENED, AND MADE TO LOOK TOWARD INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION. THUS WHILE OTHERS, THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL, CONSIDER AN INTERNATIONAL RESERVE SYSTEM, THE FAO SHOULD WORK ON NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TRY TO INSTILL IN THEM THE PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

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3. VAN TEUTEM'S IDEAS ARE MORE SPECIFICALLY SPELLED OUT IN THE PROPOSED FAO/MALI AGREEMENT ANNEX IV IN FRENCH SENT TO DAVID SHEAR, AID/AFR/SFWA, REFTEL (A). THIS PROPOSED AGREEMENT FORESEES A 70,000 TOM NATIONAL SECURITY RESERVE FOR MALI WHICH WOULD BE OPERATED BY THE OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE OF MALI (OPAM). MOST OF THESE RESERVES WOULD BE BOUGHT AND SOLD BY OPAM, BUT THE

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES COULD ONLY BE RELEASED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FAO REPRESENTATIVE. FURTHER THE STOCK IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY USE BY MALI'S NEIGHBORS. THE FAO IN THE CASE OF MALI ALEADY HAS FUNDS FROM GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND TO BUILD SOME WAREHOUSES. IT IS LOOKING FOR MORE FUNDS AND/OR FOOD AID. THE LATTER COULD GO DIRECTLY INTO THE RESERVE OR BE SOLD AND THE PROCEEDS PUT INTO THE RESERVE. VAN TEUTEM IS QUICK TO ADMIT THE LANGUAGE OF ANNEX IV MAY NEED TO BE IMPROVED BUT HE SEES THIS, AS WELL AS SIMILAR PROPOSALS FOR BANGLADESH, TANZANIA AND GUINEA BISSAU, AS MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO FIT THE SITUATIONS TO BE WORKED OUT IN PRACTICE.

4. THE FAO'S EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA COMES MAINLY THROUGH OFFICE FO SAHELIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS (OSRO), WHICH BECAME A VERY EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL UNIT THROUGH WHICH BILATERAL COUNTRY AID PROGRAMS FOR THE SAHEL COUNTRIES WERE COORDINATED AND OFTEN MADE OPERATIONAL AS WELL AS THROUGH ITS DIRECT AID PROGRAM FINANCED THROUGH TRUST FUNDS. WITH THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY IN THE SAHEL AVERTED, OSRO WENT INTO PHASE II WHICH SHIFTS THE EMPHASIS TO BUILDING AN INFRASTRUCTURE TO AVERT ANOTHER CRISIS. AS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD, THE NEW EFFORT OVERLAPS WITH THE MORE GENERAL GOAL OF BUILDING UP FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS IN FOOD CRISIS COUNTRIES. JUST AT THIS TIME WITH OSRO'S OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE MOST APPRECIATED, THE OPERATIONAL SIDE OF OSRO HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO WITHER. GERMANY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD PUT MORE MONEY INTO SORO PHASE II AND FAO VIA TRUST FUNDS TO FUND SOME OF THESE FOOD SECURITY SCHEMES, BUT DUW TO OSRO'S CHANGES THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE FUNDS AND PROJECTS HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY. GERMANY DECLINED TO PUT MORE MONEY INTO AN FAO TRUST FUND FOR THE SCHEMES IN TANZANIA BUT WILL PROBABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GO AHEAD WITH PARTS OF THESE PROJECTS BILATERALLY. MEANWHILE IN THE ABOVE MALI CASE, AFTER LONG DELAYS THE AGO DIVISION OF FAO, WHICH HAS FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE, IN CONTRACTING FOR THE WAREHOUSE FACILITIES.

5. THE FAO WILL HAVE TO SORT OUT THE OVERLAPPING RESPONSIBILITIES IN FAO AMONG ESC, DEV, AGO, OSRO, AND WFP. THE USG SHOULD BE ALERT TO THESE OPERATIONAL SHORTCOMINGS. BUT MORE IMPORTANT THE USG SHOULD THINK THROUGH THE VAN TEUTEM APPROACH TO NATIONAL FOOD RESERVES AND OUT RESPONSE BOTH AS TO THE PRIORITIES TO GIVE AID TO NATIONAL FOOD RESERVE SCHEMES AND THE USE OF FOOD AID THROUGH THE WFP TO ASSIST THESE SCHEMES.BEAUDRY

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